

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 6, 2005

IN RE:

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENTS TO
THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND
BIRCH TELECOM OF THE SOUTH, INC.

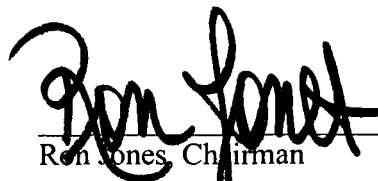
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05-00209

ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENTS
TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

This matter came before Chairman Ron Jones, Director Deborah Taylor Tate and Director Sara Kyle of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on September 26, 2005 to consider the Petition for approval of the amendments to the interconnection agreement negotiated between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. filed on August 2, 2005.¹

Based upon a review of the amendments, the record in this matter, and the standards for review set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 252, the Directors made findings consistent with those in the *Order Approving Interconnection Agreement* issued on December 12, 2000 in Docket No. 00-00904 and unanimously granted the Petition.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Ron Jones, Chairman


Deborah Taylor Tate, Director


Sara Kyle, Director

¹ The original interconnection agreement was filed and approved in Docket No. 00-00904. Subsequent amendments were filed and approved in Docket Nos. 01-00074, 01-00421, 01-00632, 02-01013, 02-01109, 02-01295, 04-00145, 04-00209, 04-00299 and 05-00005.